

## SWEETWATER:

Thursday, Oct. 15, 1898.

**Agents for the Forerunner.**  
The following named gentlemen are authorized to act as Agents for the Forerunner. Their receipts for subscriptions will be acknowledged by the proprietor.  
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**The Gray Affairs.**  
It always affords us pleasure to give publicity to anything we imagine will afford pleasure to the reading public. Our friend W. P. Collins, who is sole agent in Monroe County for the sale of a book, entitled "The Gray Jacket," gave us an opportunity of examining the work. We consider it an admirable production; abounding in thrilling incidents; embellished with splendid engravings, in short, is got up in a style difficult to surpass, and will doubtless prove a source of considerable information and entertainment to those who may become its possessors. We unhesitatingly subscribed for the work, and cheerfully recommend our fellow citizens to follow our example.

**Last week.**  
Owing to the paper being enlarged and the absence of the editor, there was no paper last week. We hope our subscribers will forgive us for the disappointment as we have the very best reasons for doing so, if we would state them.

**Connecticut.**  
The town elections in Connecticut last Monday, went the Democratic ticket by 5,000 majority. The militia ought to go over there right away.

**The Banner of the South.**  
Published at Augusta Ga., by L. T. Blome & Co., and edited by Rev. A. J. Ryan the Post Laureate of the South, is one of our most valuable exchanges. It is devoted to the interest of the Catholic religion and the cause of the South.

We can cheerfully recommend the Banner of the South to our readers, as an excellent family newspaper. TERMS: \$3.00 a year in advance.

**The speaking.**  
Our business was such that Mr. J. M. Clementson, the Democratic Editor for this District, addressed the citizens of this place, we could not attend. We learn however, that he did not fail to show conclusively that the Radical party who has every thing pretty much their own way, are the only responsible beings this side of the head of salt river, for all the TAX PAYER on earth. Rads, we've been up that salty stream for some time but expect to start down about the 5th of November, 1898, the time you will start up. You will find every thing up there but an "Uncle Sam" to be drawing on for pocket change. Wonder how the "Union Pilot" will look up there?

### PROSPECTUS OF THE BLOW-GUN.

To the People of Monroe County.

Having made a great many observations about Sweetwater and other places within the last two or three months, I propose to publish at an early date a paper in this place to be called the "Blow Gun." Reuben M. Scroggins, Esq., will take charge of the editorial department. The paper will deal in wit and humor, generally, with a few articles of flying rumor, and will most likely be neutral in politics on account of its size. Great national and political questions are too huge to blow through this Gun.

We expect to blow such observations and events as will go through the Gun like a dart. There are a great many things that need blowing now badly.

Our principles will be set forth in our greeting to the public. At the same time our terms, day of publication, &c., will be announced.

Not expecting to trample upon the rights of any one, we are going to plant the Blow-Gun so that we can turn it in any direction.

\*24 J. C. STARRAT, Publisher.

**Knoxville Daily Press and Herald.**  
This paper has recently been enlarged, now containing twenty-eight columns. It is an excellent daily, gives all the current news both foreign and domestic. If you want a good Democratic daily paper, subscribe for the Press and Herald, which you will find ably edited and up to your expectations.

**The Knoxville Press and Messenger.**—A Prospectus of this paper will be found in another column, to which we invite your attention.

**To Publishers.**  
We are making up a complete list of Southern and Western papers for the convenience of advertisers. It will give name of paper, where published, days of issue, name of proprietor, politics, etc. All papers giving this notice one insertion in local column, and sending marked copy of paper will be put on our list and receive a copy of the same as soon as published. Address: Conservative, Fredericktown, Missouri.

**The Sweetwater.**  
One of the prettiest and most productive valleys in East Tennessee is the Sweetwater; and among the more thrifty and enterprising villages in any direction is the one which bears that name. We spent last Monday among its clever and hospitable people very pleasantly.

**Leaf Tobacco.**  
H. L. Fry will sell a number one article of Leaf Tobacco to those who are fond of the weed. It's all in the family.

John Brownlow has been appointed Receiver of the Bigfield and Kentucky Rail Road, in place of R. B. Chatham, resigned. The Nashville Banner says:  
"The whole family is now provided for at the expense of the people of Tennessee."  
Who would not be the son of a Governor?

The election returns as far as heard from show increased majorities for the radicals. The probable majority in Ohio, will reach 20,000; Indiana 7,000; Penn. not heard from. Will give full returns next week.

The radicals say they are for equal rights, yet they give the elective franchise to negroes, and take it away from white men. Will the latter agree to this system?

## For the Forerunner.

MADISONVILLE, Oct. 7, 1898.

**Dear Forerunner:** To redeem my promise, and stop the imputations of laziness and want of punctuality, I drop you a line in regard to recent transactions at this place.

The last quarterly term of our County Court met here on Monday, the 5th inst. Nearly all of the justices of the County were in attendance, thus illustrating the happy effects accomplished by the late law allowing all of the justices compensation for attending the quarterly sessions, which by the by is no more than what is just and right, the remuneration allowed to our Justices not being commensurate with the important duties devolved on them.

Among the members composing the Court variety of character usually found in such bodies was not wanting.

There was the grave and dignified justice with sound and mature judgment; also, the modest, diffident justice who took no part in the proceedings further than to vote; and perhaps there was not an entire want of that aspiring class who feel that the universe or something else of very ponderous proportions is resting on their shoulders, and feel themselves equal to the great occasion.

The numerous road cases, and cases involving the question of appropriations afford splendid opportunities for the display of the wonderful powers of gentlemen of such proclivities.

The Chairman, M. P. Johnson Esq., presided as usual, with as much dignity as compatible with the noise and confusion which always attends a session of our County Courts. It may be remarked here that it will in the nature of things always be impossible to preserve order in our County Courts unless some system is adopted in presenting the business to be acted on. Men never will be orderly in scrambling precedence in presenting their business.

It is respectfully suggested that if the Court would have a docket kept and require every man to have the business which he intends to present entered on the docket, to be presented by the Chairman taking the docket in its regular order, then it would be as easy to preserve order in our County Courts as in the superior Courts. This mode of proceeding might be attended with some inconvenience at first, but would become quite easy when the people become accustomed to it, and it would expedite business as well as add dignity and decorum to the transactions in the Court.

The following business was transacted at this term of the Court.

**Report of Court-house Commissioners.**  
The commissioners for the erection of the Court-house made their report which was received and the building accepted.

The cost of the building is \$10,865.00  
Cost of repairing walls and pavement about the Public Square, 562.50

Total \$11,427.50

**Financial Report of the Chairman.**

The Chairman made his quarterly report of the condition of the finances of the County.

Outstanding County Warrants, Bonds and balance due Contractors, \$8,669.79  
Monies to come into the hands of the County Trustee from the Gal. and special taxes for 1898, 8,115.64

Leaving a deficiency of \$554.15

This estimate shows the condition after paying the balance for erecting the new Jail, which cost \$5,115.64; Court-house, \$11,427.50; Current expenses of the County, \$16,546.01.

**Administrators and Guardians Appointed.**

Joseph Jones, Adm. of J. R. Johnson deceased.

Aquilla Pressley, guardian of minor heirs of R. Mills deceased.

Rachel Kincaunon, guardian for heirs of R. Kincaunon.

**Commissioners to lay off years support.**

J. R. Birchfield, C. R. Hartsell and Wm. Click, to lay off years support for widow of Jo. Jacobs.

**Appropriations.**

For one doz. chairs for Court-house, \$48.00

"the poor for the last quarter, 200.50

"colored, burial clothes &c., 98.25

"bills of costs from Circuit Court, 189.24

"Juries Sept. term 1898 of Cir. Ct., 182.88

"wild cat scalps, 8.00

These were reports of various judges of view on public roads, and overseers on many roads &c.

The following marriage licenses have been issued during the last and present week.

**White.**

Afford Harris and Amanda Bunch.

G. W. Henley and Mattie Birdwell.

F. D. Harris and Zilpha J. Lee.

John Gann and Elizabeth Cain.

Brian Howard and Adeline Hawkins.

Samuel Atkin and Lizzie Prosswood.

N. Linderman and Mary Smith.

Lewis Rhea and Mary J. Erwin.

**Colored.**

Amos Chestnut and California Cannon.

Respectfully, W.

**A. A. BOYD, Madisonville, Tennessee,** has a good two horse wagon for sale, cheap for cash. Oct. 15 1898.

## Items of Interest.

Butler paid over \$40,000 for his nomination to Congress. He is anxious to serve his country.

[Drick Pomeroy.]

The coming winter promises to be the busiest ever known in the Pennsylvania oil regions.

A South Carolina editor, just arrived in Washington, says the negroes of that State are armed, and also express a determination, if trouble arises, to use the torch. The editor says that in consequence of these threats the whites have also armed, and if an outbreak occurs, it must end in the extermination of the blacks. Uniting efforts, however, are being made by the whites to prevent a catastrophe so terrible to contemplate.

Intelligence from all parts of the country indicate a very large increase in the number of hogs for market this fall. As the crop of corn is unusually heavy throughout the West, it is expected that the increase in weight, will also serve to swell the amount of product far beyond that of any former year. The prevailing impression among the operators is that prices will rule lower than last year.

The gold in the Treasury vaults amount to eighty millions. Thirty millions will be required on the 1st of November to pay the interest on five-twentyes.

Calvin Shaw, town constable at Jonesboro', in this State, was shot and killed by a man named McInturf, on the night of the 1st inst. Shaw had insulted the latter's wife.

A justice, better versed in law than gospel, not long since married a couple in this way: "Hold up your right hands. You solemnly swear that you will perform the duties of your office, jointly and severally, according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God. Fee \$1.00."

It is said to cost the Government two hundred dollars a day to keep General Grant advised by telegraph of the operations of the War Department while the Radical party is keeping him in Galena that he may be free from the excitement of a political campaign.

Harlan and other Senators are urging Secretary Seward to have officers appointed to Wyoming Territory. They represent the citizens as requiring protection which can be properly furnished through that medium.

The Radical Rump Congress have cost the country, in the way of congressional expenses merely, nearly ten times as much every year as full Congresses, wherein all the States were represented, used to cost.

A New York paper says, "It is the nature of radicalism to waste money. It can't help it." It is the nature of radicalism to lie, too. It can't help that either.

A newly married man of seventy-eight, in Buffalo, was grieved, but not surprised, to find his bride of eighteen had run away with his elder brother the other day.

The loss of life by the late earthquakes in South America, amounts to forty thousand. On the heels of the earthquake famine is now claiming its victims.

The last Radical wire-pulling and electioneering dodge is this: to send from Baltimore to Pennsylvania several thousand votes for use in the coming election. The information comes from the Baltimore custom-house, and is reliable.

In Milan, Italy, there is a man sixty-eight years old who married his fourth wife about a year ago, and during the last few days had his thirty-first child baptized.

Daniel Suter is under one thousand dollars bond, in Philadelphia, for calling Judge Kelly a "d—n nigger," while he was addressing an outdoor meeting in that city the other evening.

It has been ascertained through the Revenue Department that only four distilleries are in operation in New York and suburbs. Last year there were seven hundred. This is the result of the law tax on whiskey.

There is a lady in Boston who hasn't washed her face for fifteen years. She thinks water injurious to the skin, and uses fine Indian meal in its place.

At the close of a recent political discussion at Clinton, in Henry County, Missouri, some thirty radicals marched up and joined the Democratic party.

There are twenty-five thousand disfranchised voters in Missouri—all Democrats. This is one way of swindling Seymour and Blair out of the vote of the State.

The Union Pacific Railroad now runs daily trains to Black Butte, 793 miles west of Omaha. The road is graded to within sixty miles of Salt Lake, and is building at the rate of seventy-four miles a day.

A correspondent from Lewisburg writes us that "there will be heavy gains in the Fourth District for the Democratic ticket, and we stand equal chance to carry it."

A correspondent from Paris, Tennessee, writes: "If allowed to vote in Henry County, we can carry the country for Seymour and Blair with all ease."

"Drick" Pomeroy is delivering temperance addresses in New York. He says he never drank a glass of liquor, nor was he ever in a bar-room.

One of the Grant electors in Alabama is an ex-Confederate Captain, who swore a solemn oath never to take a Federal prisoner alive.

Three hundred books have been written about the American war, and 2,000 about the short Prussian war of 1866.

Cincinnati has a tobacco ring who swindles the Government monthly out of \$100,000. The detectives are after the gentlemen.

An enterprising quack has contrived to extract from sausage a powerful tonic, which he says contains the whole strength of the original bark. He calls it "siphate of canine."

Within a week or ten days past, says the Danville (Kentucky) Advocate, of the 9th, a large number of emigrants have passed through our town, from Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, North Carolina, etc., on their way to Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. Many of them are in a destitute condition.

New England radicalism, says the St. Louis Democrat, sours on Fernando Wood's stomach. As Wood is not a dog, this is very likely.

## Terrible Affair.

A Thief Shot His Guard Dead in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi—He is Hunted Down in the Swamp, Wounded and Finally Captured.

Last Thursday night Mr. James O'Brien, well-known in this city, was murdered at Holley Grove, near Charleston, Tallahatchie county, Mississippi. The circumstances, as narrated to us, are as follows: One Noah Duncan was arrested, charged with robbing a store. He was placed in a house for safety, and Mr. O'Brien, armed with a double barreled shotgun, undertook to guard him. During the night drowsiness overcame O'Brien, and he commenced dozing, the prisoner, meanwhile, remaining awake. As soon as Duncan discovered the situation of affairs, he stealthily approached the partially unconscious O'Brien, wrenched the weapon from his hands, turned the muzzle upon the sleeper and fired. The contents lodged in the victim's breast, killing him instantly.

Duncan escaped to the woods, but the report roused a large number of citizens, who, upon discovering the murder, at once gave chase. They picketed the roads leading from the swamp to Oakland and Garcer's Station, with the view of intercepting him. The following night (Friday) he was discovered making his way on horseback to some more secure spot. An exciting chase now ensued, during which he was fired on. So hot was the pursuit that he was forced to abandon his horse and plunge into the deepest recesses of the woods. Yesterday morning, after being wounded and somewhat disabled, he was overtaken, captured and taken to Charleston. From the time of murder until his arrest he was almost constantly traveling, though so closely hemmed in by the living wall thrown around him that he was compelled to confine his efforts to escape within a comparatively small circle. Duncan was lodged in jail. He has always borne a bad name in the community, and the dreadful crime of Thursday night was wrought the public mind to the highest pitch of excitement. It was thought by many that lynch law would prevail although it is to be hoped more moderate counsels prevailed.

Mr. O'Brien was a young man well known in Tallahatchie county, and universally esteemed. His connection as guard was owing to the fact that some of the property stolen by Duncan, belonged to him. We learn that Mr. O'Brien was a relative of Colonel M. J. O'Brien, Superintendent of the Western Express Company.—*Memphis Avalanche.*

## COMMERCIAL.

### SWEETWATER

Retail Prices Current.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY

HIGHT & SCRUGGS,

General Dealers in Merchandise,

AND

Commission Merchants.

BACON—sides.....	16
"Hams—good.....	15
"Shoulders.....	15
"Lard.....	16
BEEF—Slaughtered.....	5
BUTTER—Choice.....	22 1/2
"Common.....	12 1/2
BEEF—White.....	25
CORN—new in the ear.....	Nominal
"shelled.....	12 1/2
CHICKENS.....	12 1/2
CLOVER SEED—1 bush.....	33
COFFEE—Retail.....	04
DIETED APPLES—25 lbs.....	07
"Peaches—33 lbs.....	15
EGGS—1 doz.....	50
FEATHERS—Prime.....	1 00
FLAXSEED—1 bushel.....	1 00
HOGS—Gross.....	35
JEANES Country.....	1 00
OATS—1 bush.....	35
PEAS—1 bush.....	4
RAGS—Clean cotton.....	3 25
SALT—1 sack.....	18 20
SUGAR—Retail.....	18 20
SHEEP—1 lb.....	10
TIMOTHY SEED—1 bush.....	10
WHEAT—White.....	1 75
"Red.....	1 65

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### SWEETWATER MILLS.

WE HAVE THESE MILLS THOROUGHLY repaired, at considerable expense, and we have no hesitation in saying that we are now prepared to make as good flour as can be made by any mill in the State, provided you furnish us with good and clean wheat.

Mr. Fisher, who is an experienced miller, will spare no pains in trying to make good flour for you, and as much as can possibly be made out of your wheat.

Mr. H. L. Fry is hanging around the mill taking the eighth of every grain that comes in. You all know him, and you can watch him if you want to.

### MALE AND FEMALE SCHOOL,

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MRS. H. M. COOK, PRINCIPAL.

The exercises of this school will be resumed on the 1st Monday in September. The course of instruction will be substantially the same as heretofore, embracing the Languages, Mathematics and Music. The Primary Department will also receive most careful attention. Mrs. Cook will devote her entire attention this season to the Female Department.

The terms will be the same as those of other institutions of the same class. Board can be obtained in pleasant private families and on reasonable terms.

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Sept. 4, 1898.

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Brownlow's Knoxville Whig.

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A CROOKMAN'S TESTIMONY. ONE BOX OF ANTIDOTE cured my brother and myself. IT NEVER FAILS. Rev. L. W. JOHNSON, Kellie's Station, Pa.

HEATH AND STRENGTH GASTON. A married clergyman of 40 years, and an ardent smoker, cured by using the ANTIDOTE. S. D. BOWLER, Prospect Hill, Mo.

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Sweetwater, August 20, 1898.

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